

Amendments to the claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A stairlift device which comprises a chair, substantially linear guide means having a first end and a second end, transporting means, and attachment means, said attachment means being adapted to enable the guide means to be attached to a section of a vehicle at the first end thereof, the vehicle resting on the ground or a supportive surface, thereby allowing for operation of the stairlift device whilst in attachment to the vehicle, the second end of the guide means being configured to rest on the ground or the supportive surface underlying the vehicle, the chair being movable along the guide means by the transporting means when the device is in operation such that a passenger is lifted by the transporting means towards the attachment means in both a vertical and horizontal direction, the chair comprising a support surface and at least two armrests, the armrests being disposed on opposite sides of and above the chair support surface.

2-4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) A stairlift device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said guide means comprises a guide rail.

6. (Previously Presented) A stairlift device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said chair is connected to the guide means by way of mounting means.

7. (Previously Presented) A stairlift device as claimed in claim 6 wherein said mounting means is attached to the chair.

8. (Original) A stairlift device as claimed in claim 6 wherein said mounting means is located within the guide means.

9. (Original) A stairlift device as claimed in claim 6 wherein said transporting means is integral with said mounting means.

10. (Original) A stairlift device as claimed in claim 6 wherein said mounting means is detachable from said guide means when the stairlift device is not operational.

11. (Original) A stairlift device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said transporting means comprises an electric motor.

12. (Original) A stairlift device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said attachment means comprises a bracket which is adapted for attachment to a vehicle.

13. (Original) A stairlift device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said attachment means is fixedly mounted to a vehicle and said guide means is movably mounted to said attachment means.

14. (Original) A stairlift device as claimed in claim 13 wherein said guide means is slidably and rotatably attached to said attachment means.

15. (Original) A stairlift device as claimed in claim 12 wherein said attachment means comprises a fixed member and two angled members incorporating a cross-member, said angled members being pivotally connected at one end, by way of two joints, to said fixed member and pivotally connected at the other end, by way of two further joints, to a retaining member, said retaining member being slidably attached to the guide rail.

16. (Previously Presented) A stairlift device as claimed in claim 1 wherein said attachment means is permanently attached to a vehicle.

17. (Original) A vehicle including a stairlift device as claimed in claim 1.

18. – 21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) A stairlift device which comprises passenger carrying means, substantially linear guide means having a first end and a second end, transporting means, and attachment means positioned at the first end of the guide means, said attachment means being adapted to enable the guide means to be attached to a section of a vehicle, the vehicle resting on the ground or a supportive surface, and the second end of the guide means being configured to rest on the ground or the supportive surface underlying the vehicle, thereby allowing for operation of the stairlift device whilst in attachment to the vehicle, the passenger carrying means being movable along the guide means by the transporting means when the device is in operation such that a passenger is lifted by the transporting means towards the attachment means in both a vertical and horizontal direction.

23. (Previously Presented) A stairlift device as claimed in claim 22 wherein said passenger carrying means comprises a chair.

24. (Previously Presented) A stairlift device as claimed in claim 22 wherein said passenger carrying means comprises a platform.